

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 9 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

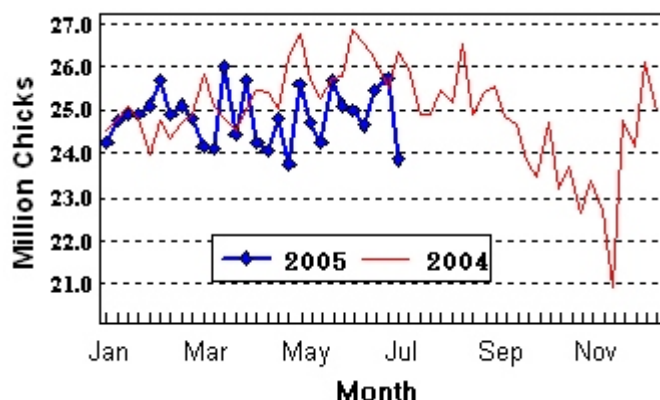
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.9 million during the week ending July 9, 2005. Placements were down 9 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and down 7 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.3 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through July 9, 2005 were 696.1 million, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.7 million, down 2 percent from both the corresponding week a year earlier, and from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.8 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 81.9 percent.

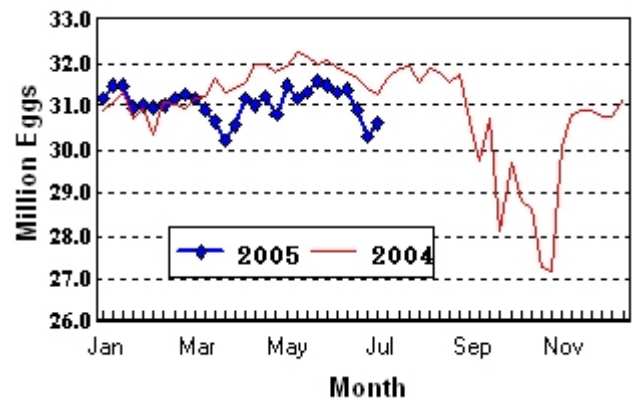
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 9, 2005, down 2 percent from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jun. 4	25,792	25,093	97	26,677	25,962	97	32,066	31,505	98
Jun. 11	26,808	25,012	93	26,514	26,018	98	31,916	31,343	98
Jun. 18	26,556	24,643	93	26,502	26,274	99	31,809	31,354	99
Jun. 25	26,166	25,470	97	26,585	26,251	99	31,647	30,905	98
Jul. 2	25,484	25,763	101	26,419	26,153	99	31,452	30,301	96
Jul. 9	26,353	23,877	91	26,297	25,671	98	31,262	30,623	98

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	18-Jun	25-Jun	02-Jul	09-Jul		04-Jun	11-Jun	18-Jun	25-Jun	02-Jul	09-Jul	
Alabama	31,240	30,846	31,374	31,272	102	21,668	22,017	22,158	21,560	22,088	21,748	100
ARKANSAS	31,354	30,905	30,301	30,623	98	25,093	25,012	24,643 *	25,470 *	25,763 *	23,877	91
Delaware	4,136	4,061	3,798	3,974	112	5,693	5,708	5,999	5,822	5,913 *	5,978	127
Florida	1,394	1,403	1,342	1,384	101	1,528	1,442	1,536	1,482	1,516	1,502	107
Georgia	33,499	33,173 *	32,313 *	33,436	100	27,753	27,580 *	26,841 *	28,280 *	26,933 *	27,655	103
Kentucky	6,836 *	6,560	6,999	7,138	96	6,335	6,182	6,025	6,222	5,563 *	5,840	94
Louisiana	4,105	4,105	4,042	4,135	106	4,093	3,800	4,134	4,057	3,801	4,155	111
Maryland	9,009	9,016	9,022 *	9,022	101	5,058	5,395	5,009	5,533	5,471 *	5,287	86
Mississippi	19,178	18,959	19,191	19,162	97	17,041	17,033	17,160	17,212	17,248	17,291	101
N. Carolina	17,917 *	18,588 *	17,716	17,551	96	15,589	15,594	15,311	14,998 *	15,896 *	15,012	98
Oklahoma	6,506	6,508	6,563	6,238	100	4,921	4,939	4,999	5,405	4,761	5,532	133
Pennsylvania	4,001	3,979	3,895 *	3,993	106	3,035	3,005	2,997	2,963	2,885 *	2,803	96
S. Carolina	5,175	5,065	5,283	5,052	144	4,148	3,996	4,927	4,605	4,337 *	3,975	96
Texas	15,416 *	15,251 *	14,584 *	15,329	100	13,018	12,904	12,937	12,972	12,909 *	12,858	101
Virginia	6,556	6,495	6,226 *	6,260	91	4,782	5,466	5,455	5,496	5,108 *	5,031	88
CA,MO,TN,WV	18,248 *	17,771 *	17,430 *	17,225	101	16,998	17,464	17,421 *	16,085 *	17,545 *	17,745	103
Total 2005	214,570 *	212,685 *	210,079 *	211,794		176,753	177,537 *	177,552 *	178,162 *	177,737 *	176,289	
Total 2004	214,006	212,929	210,618	211,359		176,393	177,930	175,598	175,595	176,751	176,620	
%Prev. Year	100	100	100	100		100	100	101	101	101	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						23-Jul	30-Jul	06-Aug	13-Aug	20-Aug	27-Aug	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 212 million eggs during the week ending July 9, 2005. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 9, 2005. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through July 9, 2005 were 4.76 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.